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For: MAGNETORESISTIVE FILM )  
HAVING NON-MAGNETIC )  
SPACER LAYER OF REDUCED )  
THICKNESS )

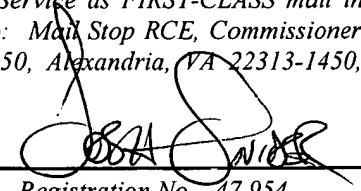
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In response to the final Office Action mailed September 30, 2005, and  
pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed concurrently herewith,  
please amend the above-identified Application as follows: